

ANNEX IX

F.B.I.S. MONITORING AND COMMUNICATIONS TIME LAGS

1. (a) The Kyrenia Circuit

The daily average wordage of intake is 26,000 compared with 19,000 in the corresponding period of 1951. The highest recorded intake was 43,000 as against 32,000 in 1951. The Caversham/Kyrenia filing of summaries and F.B.I.S. special reports averages 1,700 words daily.

(b) The Washington Circuit

The average daily wordage received is 31,000 as against 34,000 in the corresponding period of 1951. The highest recorded intake was 45,500.

2. Time Lag Analysis

An analysis of the time lag from various F.B.I.S. stations is set out below. The corresponding figures for 1951 are placed in brackets.

(a) Kyrenia File

Station	A Time of Broadcast to time of filling (in hours)	B Time of filing to time of receipt (in hours)	C Time of Broadcast to time of receipt (in hours)
Kyrenia	6.75 (5.8)	0.5 (1.22)	7.2 (7.02)

The lowest transcribing time noted was 17 minutes and the lowest transmission time was four minutes. The considerable amount of "texting" of Cairo and Teheran speeches and proclamations has obviously affected A in the above table, as has the slower production of Russian Regional material.

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(b) Washington File

Station	A Time of Broadcast to time of filling (in hours)	B Time of filing to time of receipt (in hours)	C Time of Broadcast to time of receipt (in hours)
Tokio	7.7 (5.9)	4.6 (5.9)	12.3 (11.8)
West Coast	4.6 (5.6)	3.2 (6.0)	7.8 (11.6)
East Coast	4.5 (9.1)	4.2 (4.9)	8.7 (14.0)
Okinawa	18.3 (23.6)	4.4 (8.0)	22.7 (31.6)
Hokkaido	5.1	5.1	10.2

Averages:

Transcribing-editing time	8.04	(11.05) hrs.
Transmission time	4.3	(6.2) hrs.
Overall time	12.3	(17.23) hrs.

It should be noted that the high transcribing time in Okinawa is due to delays in transcribing NCNA numeral code material. There has, nevertheless, been a considerable reduction in times in the course of the year, i.e. 18.3 hrs. as against 23.6 hrs. in 1951.

(c) Saigon Bureau figures have not been included in the above tables. Such inclusion would distort considerably the final averages. The transcribing time for the Bureau is still in the region of over 50 hrs., while the transmission time is fairly constant at 4.5 hrs.

3.

General

The Kyrenia circuit is highly satisfactory. There has been a consistent improvement in the Washington circuit, but some of the less satisfactory features already noted in 1951 have not been eliminated. There are still unavoidable periods of bad radio reception producing garbled copies. The receipt of copy in 'takes' out of numbered order still obtains and the delay in receiving corrections following on queries is still considerable. It is realised that these faults are largely due to the length of the chain of communications and outside the control of F.B.I.S.